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SUBJECT: TITO'S SPEECH IN KRALJEVO

1. SUMMARY: TITO SPEECH IN KRALJEVO APRIL 3 ATTACKED FORCES
IN THE WEST HOSTILE TO YUGOSLAVIA WHICH HE CLAIMED WERE SAYING
THIS COUNTRY IS ABOUT TO FALL APART. END SUMMARY.

2. CONTINUING ROUND OF VISITS IN SERBIA (BELGRADE 1356), PRESIDENT
TITO MADE EXCEPTIONALLY DEFENSIVE SPEECH BEFORE LARGE CROWD IN
KRALJEVO, MUCH OF WHICH WAS CARRIED ON BELGRADE TV. HE POINTED
TO HOSTILE FORCES IN THE WEST WHICH HE SAID OPPOSED WHAT HIS
LEADERSHIP WAS ACCOMPLISHING IN RIDING COUNTRY OF " ANOMALIES."
" THEY (IN WEST) DO NOT WANT TO SEE YUGOSLAVIA CONSOLIDATE ITSELF
OR TO SEE SELF- MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SUCCEED. " THEY" ARE TRYING TO
OBSTRUCT EFFORTS TO CREATE BETTER LIVING CONDIDITIONS IN YUGOSLAVIA
FOR WORKING PEOPLE. " THEY" HAVE ALSO UNDERTAKEN SMEAR CAMPAIGN
SAYING YUGOSLAVIA IS ABOUT TO FALL APART, " PERHAPS BECAUSE WE
ARE PROSECUTING THIEVES AND BECAUSE WE ARE GETTING RID OF
CERTAIN LEADERS WHO WERE INCAPABLE OF RECOGNIZING OUR
SOCIETY' S NEEDS..." TITO ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT NUMBER
OF THOSE ABROAD WHO WERE " ATTACKING" YUGOSLAVIA IS NOT LARGE.
BUT THEY ALSO HAVE THEIR HELPERS AMONG THE YUGOSLAVS, HE
CHARGED.

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3. COMMENT: FACT OF TITO'S UNDIMINISHED CHARISMA -- ALTHOUGH NOT CLARITY OF EXPRESSION-- WAS EMPHASIZED BY CONTRACT WHICH HIS PERFORMANCE IN KRALJEVO MADE WITH KARDEIJ'S BUMBLING PERFORMANCE ON TV SAME EVENING (SEPTEL).

4. WE FIND HARSH BUT UNSPECIFIEC ANTI- WESTERN THEME DISTRUBING AS CLEAR SIGN THAT TITO INTENDS TO EXTERNALIZE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE NATIONALITY FRICTIONS AND OTHER DOMESTIC PROBLEMS WHICH ALMOST THIRTY YEARS OF TITOISM HAVE FAILED TO OVERCOME -- SUCH EXTERNALIZATION AT THIS TIME TO BE AIMED ONLY AGAINST RELATIVELY SAFE TARGET: THE WEST. HE PROBABLY HAD DJILAS UPPERMOST IN HIS MIND WHEN HE REFERRED TO DOMESTIC HELPERS OF THOSE WHO ATTACK YUGOSLAVIA FROM ABROAD; THIS WOULD FIT IN WITH RECENT PRESS CHARGE THAT DJILAS IS A TRAITOR.

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